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Need to include special clause in advertisement by-law to cover any incidents of tree felling to improve visibility of billboards, say environmentalists

THE AXE EFFECT

BBMP has invited suggestions from public on by-law by August 19

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) recent draft notification on advertisement by-law is already taking effect on the city's trees, say city-based environmentalists. This is after on Sunday, a couple of trees near Ejipura Junction were suspected to have been axed for better visibility of a billboard in the area.

"Given the location of the trees, it appears they have been mutilated to improve visibility of a hoarding on the other side of the road. While there is no way to confirm this, the corporation's new by-law appears to be the cause," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee, Bangalore Environment Trust.

As per the draft by-law issued by BBMP on July 19, outdoor advertisements, including banners posters, hoarding, building wrap advertisements and mobile advertisements will be allowed in the city in a

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Bengaluru's rich tree cover adds to beauty of its buildings, like here it does to the illuminated Income Tax office on the eve of Independence Day

BOTTOMS UP

Delay in issuing final notification on liquor and beer price revision causes shortage of premium liquor brands

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Foodie gathering

Calling all foodies in the city! Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, along with Vega City Mall, create a delightful food festival for the residents of Bengaluru to experience the taste of VV Puram Food Street. All foodies are invited to come and enjoy mouth-watering delicacies. **Where: Vega City Mall, BTM Layout; When: August 15 to 18, 11 am to 10 pm**

02 Musical ode

G On the occasion of India's 78th Independence Day, UnboxingBLR, in association with the Government of Karnataka, invites you to 'Freedom Hubba,' a live performance by Grammy Award winner Ricky Kej featuring an 8-member band. With an up-tempo set of songs, including patriotic and folk tunes from his rich repertoire of Kannada, Punjabi, Rajasthani, and other music, the concert is an ode to the cultural and musical diversity the country has to offer.
Where: Chamara Vajra, Jayamahal
When: August 15, 7 pm

03 Bridal fashion exhibit

From ethnic wear, bags, and clutches to precious and semi-precious stones, designer costumes, jewellery, hair accessories, and more, shop for the finest bridal collection at the "Hi Life Brides" exhibition. Designed to be fun and inspiring with that added touch of luxury and elegance, whether you are looking for a traditional wedding or you are a modern bride seeking a more contemporary affair, this exhibit is a must-visit for the entire wedding party.
Where: Taj West End, Race Course Road
When: August 16 to 18, 10 am to 8 pm

Festive rush

Festive spirit is seen in various parts of the city ahead of the Varamahalakshmi Festival. People gather in huge numbers at KR Market to shop for their festive needs

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Namma Metro Phase 3 is running right on time

Geotechnical surveys planned for Phase 3 of Namma Metro; officials explore possibilities to construct double-decker Metro lines

The geotechnical survey will be conducted in four stages

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Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is set to conduct a 'geotechnical survey' for Phase 3 of the Metro project at an approximate cost of Rs 5.50 crore, with the survey work expected to commence soon. This route will connect JP Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura (32.15 km) and will feature 22 stations along the Outer Ring Road (Orange Line). Additionally, it will connect from Hosahalli Station to Sunkadakatte Depot (12.5 km) with nine stations to be constructed.

Regarding this, the tender process for the survey has been completed by BMRCL. In the first phase, the Hyderabad-based Mangalam Consultancy Services will conduct the survey from JP Nagar 4th Phase to Mysuru Road Station. In the second phase, Secon Pvt Ltd will handle the survey from Mysuru Road Station to Kanteerava Studio Station. The third phase will be from Kanteerava Studio to Kempapura Station, undertaken by Myrtle Project Company. In the fourth phase, Secon Pvt Ltd will conduct the survey from Hosahalli Station to Sunkadakatte Depot.

The corporation has already started pre-construction preparations for the project, including land acquisition and other processes. Now, the survey will be conducted for the construction of elevated tracks and Metro stations. The three companies will carry out the survey, and BMRCL has directed them to submit the report within the next five months.

Interchange facility

The proposed Orange Line (Kempapura-JP Nagar 4th Phase) will intersect with the Blue Line (KIA-Reshme Mandali) and the Red Line (Sarjapur to Hebbal) at Hebbal. Additionally, there will be a connection with the suburban rail system. This route will connect Peenya Station on the Green Line of Tumakuru Road, JP Nagar Station, Mysuru Road Station on the Purple Line, and Sumanahalli Interchange on the Hosahalli-Kadabagere route. On Kanakapura Road, this line will connect with the JP Nagar Metro Station and will conclude at JP Nagar 4th Phase on Bannerghatta Road with an interchange facility. BMRCL will acquire 75 acres of land on this route to construct a depot.

3 new Metro stations

Meanwhile, BMRCL has commenced the land acquisition process for the construction of three new Metro stations as part of Phase 3 of its ongoing expansion project. These new stations are slated to be built at JP Nagar 5th Phase, Kamakya, and Hosakerehalli, marking a significant step forward in the city's metro network development. An official said, "Phase 3 of the project includes two new corridors. To facilitate the construction of Phase 3 project, BMRCL needs to acquire 1,29,743 square metres of private land, which has already been identified. The process has officially begun, with BMRCL notifying the affected landowners. The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) will oversee the acquisition and hand over the land to BMRCL. Compensation for the landowners will be based on the current market value of the land, which BMRCL is currently in the process of assessing."

Double-decker Metro line

In addition to the new stations, BMRCL is exploring the possibility of constructing a double-decker Metro line. If approved, this line could be constructed above the existing elevated metro line, or alternatively, the current elevated structure may be demolished to make way for the new line. "To finalise the plans for this ambitious project, BMRCL will coordinate closely with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which will also provide funding support for the construction of the double-decker metro line. This collaboration is crucial to ensuring that the project aligns with the city's broader urban development goals and that it proceeds smoothly and efficiently," an official added.

No stay on auto fares limit order

HC, however, stays direction to get 'cartelisation' charges to be probed by Competition Commission

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The High Court's division bench, led by Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind, has declined to issue an interim stay on a single-judge bench's order that limited service charges for auto-rickshaw rides booked through aggregator platforms like Ola, Uber, and Rapido to 5 per cent above the government-set fare. The case is now set for a final hearing on August 29.

However, the High Court did stay a portion of the single judge's order dated May 27 which directed the Registrar (Judicial) to forward the order to the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India for further action. This directive was issued after an association of permit holders and drivers alleged that the aggregators were exploiting their dominant market position and compelling drivers to accept their terms and conditions. The court had noted that if these allegations were accurate, the aggregators could be engaging in "cartelisation, leading to anti-competitive agreements", which would need to be investigated by the Competition Commission.

Uber India Systems Private Limited and ANI Technologies Private Limited, which operates Ola, had challenged a state government notification issued under Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, arguing that the notification is illegal and arbitrary. Senior Advocate Dhyan Chinnappa, representing Uber, argued that the single judge's finding that the company was a transport service operator would have significant implications, as Uber operates as an aggregator and does not own vehicles. The counsel for Ola argued that the company provides services like GPS and data centres, which are used by customers, and should not be classified as a transport operator, as held by the court.

Single-judge bench's order had limited service charges for rides booked through aggregator apps to 5% above the govt-set fare

In a ruling on May 27, a single judge upheld the legality of a government notification that determined auto-rickshaw fares under Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The court clarified that the fare, which encompasses a service or convenience fee, can be set through one or more notifications under the aforementioned section.

The court stressed the importance of ensuring that auto-rickshaw fares remain economically feasible, as these vehicles are commonly used by the general public for affordable transportation. It dismissed the notion that aggregators merely facilitate vehicle bookings, instead asserting that they bear the responsibility of providing transport services.

Ultimately, the petitions were rejected, and the court affirmed that aggregators are allowed to charge a 5 per cent service fee in addition to the government-mandated fare, as per the contested notification.

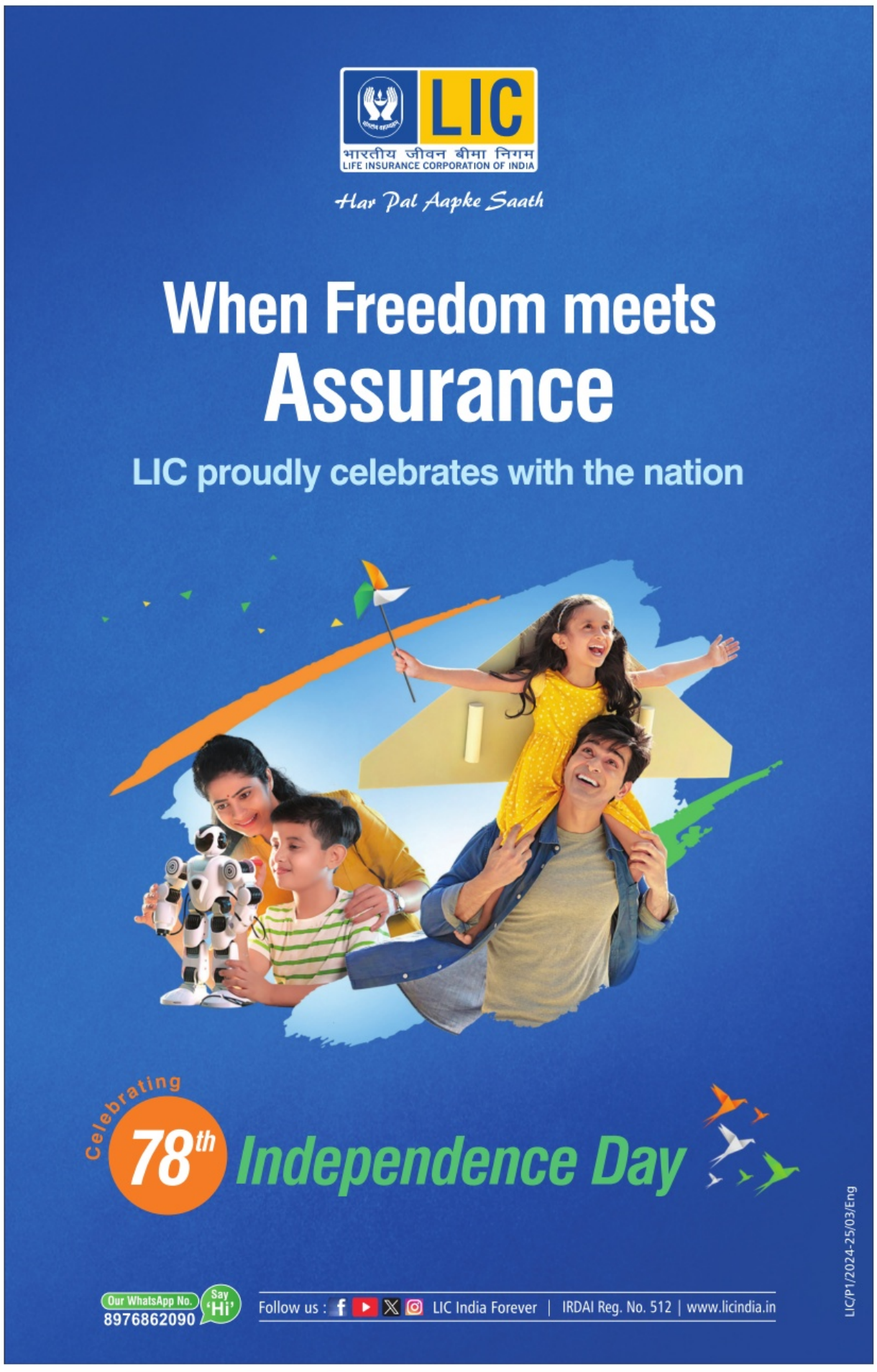
Criminal case against Alok Kumar quashed

The High Court has dismissed a criminal case against ADGP Alok Kumar, who was accused of assaulting and threatening a woman in 2019 when he was serving as the incharge police commissioner of Bengaluru. The proceedings were initiated based on a private complaint filed by Mamatha Singh under various sections of the Indian Penal Code.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, in his single judge bench ruling, quashed the proceedings, stating, "The complainant need not/should not have waited for three long years i.e., 36 months, to register a complaint, that she had been bruised and intimidated by the petitioner three years ago. A perusal at the complaint, would clearly indicate not even a speck of explanation is rendered for the delay of three years in registering the complaint. Therefore, permitting even the complaint to be alive would become contrary to law, as it is shrouded with complete improbability. Delay in such cases defeats acts of setting the criminal law in motion."

According to the complaint, the woman had approached Kumar to file a complaint against Sister Shalini for intimidation and threats to withdraw a pending POCSO case. However, Kumar allegedly pressured the complainant not to pursue the matter, claiming that Sister Shalini was an influential person. The complaint further alleges that Kumar threatened the complainant with false charges if she returned to his office and that he and other police personnel physically assaulted her.

The Magistrate court took cognizance of the complaint in 2022, a year after it was filed, and issued summons to Kumar. Kumar argued that the alleged offences occurred while he was discharging his official duties and, therefore, required sanction under Section 197 CrPC. He also highlighted the unexplained three-year delay in filing the complaint.



Dark days over; BBMP restores street lights

Residents on Annaswamy Mudaliar Road feel relieved as Palike repairs long-defunct streetlights; they hope authorities resolve ongoing issues with faulty cables soon

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Residents on Annaswamy Mudaliar Road and nearby areas are pleased that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Projects Department is repairing the faulty LED streetlight cables. The lights had been out for several months, causing significant inconvenience for residents and pedestrians at night.

Bangalore Mirror published a story "Darkness rises: All lights off on Smart City's Road" on August 5, narrating how anti-social elements are ruling the roost on Annaswamy Mudaliar Road due to a lack of street lights. On August 5, the BBMP Projects Department sent electricians to inspect the electric cables and street lights but did not replace the damaged cables. The BM published one more story "Inspection completed, but lights not yet on" on August 7, narrating how the residents were thrilled to see BBMP employees inspecting the electric cables of street lights but would have to wait a bit longer for the lights to be restored.

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Inspection completed, but lights not yet on
After BM's reports, officials take a look at Annaswamy Mudaliar Road's plight, but solution is yet to come; BBMP official promises solution in two days

BM report from August 7 details that no action has been taken despite an inspection by BBMP employees

LED lights on Annaswamy Mudaliar Road are functioning

The residents of Annaswamy Mudaliar Road express their gratitude to the BBMP authorities for restoring the street lights. They noted that the lights had been out for over two months, making it difficult to go out at night due to the pitch darkness. "I am happy with the BBMP authorities for ensuring street lights are on at night. I want to thank the residents, especially Purushotham, for pursuing the issue with the BBMP authorities," said K Dhakshayani Kumar, a resident. Expressing a similar opinion, Kaushhi Chinnappa, a resident said that she expects that illumination of the street would deter miscreants causing nuisance at night. "I am happy to see the street light near our home is on at night," said Kaushhi Chinnappa.

> **"I want to thank BBMP authorities for ensuring street lights are on at night, but there are more defunct lights. I urge BBMP to replace fused bulbs** – Purshotham, resident

Meanwhile, Purushotham, a resident, said he hopes the BBMP authorities will ensure that all the street lights on the road function at night. "I want to thank the BBMP authorities for ensuring street lights are on at night but there are more defunct street lights on this road. I want the BBMP authorities to replace the fused bulbs and damaged electric cables," he said.

Volunteers revitalise temple for Gokulashtami

NSS unit transforms Sri Venugopalakrishna Swamy Temple by creating Tulasi Vana, cleaning sacred pond, and adding rangoli designs; community eagerly anticipates celebrations

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In the spirit of community service and devotion, a group of dedicated volunteers recently came together to clean and rejuvenate the Sri Venugopalakrishna Swamy Temple in Malleswaram. The initiative, organised in anticipation of the upcoming Gokulashtami festival, was a collaborative effort involving enthusiastic students from the MLA Academy of Higher Learning's NSS unit.

One of the standout achievements of the day was the creation of a small Tulasi Vana (sacred basil grove) within the temple grounds. Each volunteer planted a Tulasi sapling, contributing to the temple's spiritual atmosphere and environmental preservation. The volunteers took great care in cleaning the Kalyani (sacred pond), ensuring it was pristine for the religious festivities. The team also added a touch of traditional beauty by painting the coconut tree support wall with intricate ethnic rangoli designs.

Students from MLA Academy of Higher Learning's NSS unit

This impactful initiative was made possible with the support of Shaila Iyengar, a banker and dedicated social worker involved in various temple projects and plastic-free initiatives. Shaila has previously contributed to similar efforts at Kadu Malleshwara Temple, where she helps create compost from leaves and flowers offered in prayer and works to make the temple plastic-free. The volunteers expressed heartfelt gratitude to the leadership of their institution. "We are deeply thankful to our Principal, Dr PV Padmaja, and our NSS program officers, Durgashree and Dayanand, for their unwavering support and guidance. Their encouragement has truly empowered us to lead the charge in community development.", said a volunteer.

As a gesture of appreciation for the volunteers' hard work, the temple authorities offered a four-course prasadam, providing a delicious and fulfilling end to the day's service.

The volunteers' efforts have been widely praised by both the temple authorities and the local community. The Sri Venugopalakrishna Swamy Temple now stands ready to welcome devotees with a renewed and vibrant atmosphere as the Gokulashtami festival approaches. "The dedication displayed by everyone involved is truly inspiring. Seeing how much can be accomplished when the community comes together is heartening. A garden in a common area, such as a temple or roadside, rather than just your front or back yard, fosters community unity. This is what we are working to achieve. Community first and all else follows, " Shaila Iyenger said.

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Urgent repairs
BEML Layout

The BEML bus stand shelter is dangerously unstable and could collapse, leading to accidents. Urgent repairs are needed to prevent a disaster.

Waste stench
Kempegowda

Waste from undisclosed bins on Kempegowda Main Road smells bad due to daily rain, making the area unpleasant.

Sanitation woes
Sarakki

Trash is being dumped along 3rd Main Road, 12th A Cross in Sarakki, worsening the area's sanitation problems.

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Liquor drought hits state as price revisions stalled

Delay in liquor price revision causes premium brand shortage in state as manufacturers are hesitant to supply; merchants fear additional costs

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The government's delay in issuing a final notification regarding the revision of liquor and beer prices in the state has resulted in a shortage of premium liquor brands in the market. Although the government announced plans to revise the prices in alignment with neighbouring states, the final notification has yet to be issued, even though a draft notification was released over a month ago.

The excise department issued a draft notification on June 21, proposing to reduce the number of price slabs from 18 to 16 and revise the prices of various types of liquor, excluding beer and wine. The department invited objections until June 30 and was expected to release the final notification shortly thereafter. The department is targeting additional revenue of Rs 3,000 crore through the price revision.

Sources said that liquor manufacturers are hesitant to supply premium brands due to the uncertainty surrounding the price revision. They fear that any price increase or decrease will require them to relabel their products, resulting in additional costs. Consequently, they have ceased supplying premium brands to the market.

The shortage of premium liquor brands has impacted bars, restaurants, and retail liquor stores, which are struggling to meet customer demand.

Even when premium brands are available, bars, restaurants, and wholesale dealers are reluctant to stock them, fearing potential losses if prices are revised.

'Liquor manufacturers are hesitant to supply due to the uncertainty surrounding the price revision'

> **"The proposal to revise liquor prices, as announced in the budget, is in final stages at government level. Price revision has almost been finalised** –Official

Meanwhile, liquor merchants' associations have written to the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the Excise Minister RB Thimmapur, urging them to issue the final notification immediately.

If the revised price list is delayed further, the associations have requested that manufacturers be instructed to supply liquor at the current price. The delay in issuing the final notification has negatively affected the liquor market, and the government is also losing revenue. The associations have called on the government to take immediate action to resolve the issue.

An official said, "The proposal to revise liquor prices, as announced in the budget, is in the final stages at the government level, awaiting the Chief Minister's approval, and the price revision has almost been finalised. The file is pending approval from the CM. Currently, the CM is under pressure due to the Muda scandal, and hence, has not yet approved the file." However, sources indicate that approval is likely to be given soon.

Details on forest land grab sought

Citing the increasing number of landslide cases in the Western Ghat region of the state, Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has directed all Deputy Conservators of Forests in the Karnataka Forest Department to submit up-to-date reports on the exact amount of forest area under encroachment in their respective divisions after 2015.

The reports have to be filed within 10 days from the issuance of the order. Zonal officers concerned will be held responsible in case of any loophole in the information provided in reports. After the Wayanad landslide incident on July 30, the Minister had instructed the Deputy Chief Secretary of the Forest, Ecology, and Environment Department to clear all forest encroachments in the Western Ghats area of the state. Directions were given to clear encroachments in the Western Ghats of the state, including Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, Belagavi, Dakshina Kannada and others. **–BMB**

Cooker blast: 1 dead, 1 injured

One person died while another was left injured following an explosion that took place at JP Nagar in Bengaluru, officials said on Wednesday.

"A suspicious blast happened in 24th Main, JP Nagar, in Bengaluru on Monday. It is suspected that there was a cooker blast, after which a fire broke out. Two people from Uttar Pradesh, Mohseen and Sameer, were seriously injured in the fire. Mohseen died this morning while undergoing treatment," Bengaluru South Division DCP Lokesh B Jagalasar said.

Meanwhile, police have not found any suspicious things on the spot. "All experts, including central and state agencies, visited the spot, and an investigation is going on," he added. Further investigation is underway. **–ANI**

6 women panchayat chiefs from state at Delhi I-Day fete

Six women panchayat presidents from various districts of Karnataka have been invited to the flag-hoisting ceremony at the Red Fort in Delhi on Independence Day.

Congratulating them, State Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Priyank Kharge said that these six individuals have earned this honour for their exemplary management, environmental care, cleanliness, solid waste management, tax collection, and water supply responsibilities at their village panchayats. They have also brought pride and honour to Karnataka, he said.

The selected women village panchayat presidents are led by TK Ramesh, Assistant Secretary of Bangalore Rural District Panchayat. Lakshminarasamma, the president of Geddare Village Panchayat, Gauribidanur taluk, Chikkaballapur district, helped 250 families avail various benefits under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). She has created awareness among students about libraries. Sanitation and cleanliness are her other focus in villages and school toilets.

Nafeesha, the president of Peruvai Village Panchayat, Bantwal taluk, Dakshina Kannada district, came into prominence in the state for driving a solid waste collection vehicle. She has been honoured by the state government. She has distributed books and uniforms to school students at her own cost and is also a resource person at the State Institute of Rural Development in Solid Waste Management.

Rajeshwari Gothi, the president of Kamatanur Village Panchayat, Hukkeri Taluk, Belagavi district, is a graduate. During her tenure, the panchayat entered into an MoU with two self-help groups for solid waste collection. She has pioneered the construction of hi-tech toilets in government schools.

Vendors sell national flag in front of Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday

Jayashree, the vice president of Taj Sultanpur Village Panchayat, Kalaburagi district, has done exemplary work in creating awareness about sanitation and constructing toilets.

Under the leadership of Devi PT, the president of Kanuru Village Panchayat in Kodagu district, the area emerged as a model of Gram Panchayat in providing good governance and civic services. The panchayat is undertaking various special initiatives to increase its own resource mobilisation. Many steps have been taken to make the village environment clean.

Shivamma, the president of Attaguli Pur Village Panchayat, Chamarajanagar Taluk, is the only Gram Panchayat president belonging to the Soliga community. She led the movement for the construction of toilets in each house. She also played a major role in the distribution of houses under the PMAY(G) scheme and declared the area a 100 per cent pucca house panchayat. **–IANS**

Dance at hostel: Fact-finding panel finds officials guilty

3-member committee says DC should have prevented dance programme

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A three-member fact-finding committee has confirmed the violation of norms during the dance programme held on the premises of the SC/ST Girls' Hostel at Tumakuru last year (November 16, 2023) to felicitate the Deputy Commissioner for providing new beds, cots, and other amenities for the inmates of the hostel. It is alleged that some officials danced with the hostel girls for item songs, including the Kannada song 'Masthu Masthu Hudigi Bandalu.' The committee stated that K Srinivas, Commissioner of Food Safety and Standards of India (FSSAI) and former DC of Tumakuru, should not have allowed such a dance programme to be organised at a girls' hostel after 6 pm.

Appointed by the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), the committee consisted of HC Raghavendra, Anjali Ramanna, and Thirumalarao. They visited the hostel on four days—January 18 and 19, February 1, and March 4, 2024—to get feedback from students, DC, Joint Director, media

Video grab from the 2023 event at the SC/ST Girls' Hostel, Tumakuru

persons, and others who were present on the occasion and submitted a report to KSCPCR on April 29, 2024. "While the DC should be appreciated for making sincere efforts to provide amenities for students' hostels in Tumakuru district, he should have prevented the dance programme in which Tahsildar, Joint Director of Social Welfare Department, and Assistant Director danced with the students. We want the state government to ensure that similar incidents will not happen in his future career," the committee report read.

Commenting on the matter, Srinivas said that some people with vested interests have been making false allegations against him. "I did not participate in the dance. It was me who asked the officials to stop dancing with girls," he said. "The Assistant Director of the Social Welfare Department is the competent authority. He had organised the programme, and I was an invitee," Srinivas added.

The committee also found fault with the hostel wardens for allowing media staff to capture the programme at night. "The wardens of the hostel do not deserve to continue until they undergo training in subjects such as child rights, child protection, and child safety policy. The authorities have to take measures to arrange training for the wardens immediately," the report noted. "It is the responsibility of the District Children Protection Committee Officer to bring the incidents that took place at the girls' hostel to the notice of the concerned authorities, but it seems the DCPO has not taken any measures in this regard. We recommend a departmental inquiry against the DCPO to ensure such incidents do not recur in the future," the committee report read.

Meanwhile, HM Venkatesh of Naija Horatagarara Vedike has demanded the police register a case under the POCSO Act against those officials who participated in the dance programme.

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Tree activists and environmentalists worry that once approved, the policy will lead to a carnage of sorts of hundreds of trees unless suitable measures are taken in time.

Activists recall a similar episode of trees impacting hoarding visibility, leading to removal of 12 Tespesia papulenia (Behandi tree) trees on Kalamandir Road in Marathahalli. While 12 trees were killed by poisoning, branches of 14 trees of the same species on the stretch were mercilessly chopped.

"The incident violated the Karnataka Tree Act. Similarly, such incidents will happen if the recent draft notification is passed. BBMP must include a special clause in the by-law to cover any incidents of tree felling to improve the visibility of these billboards. In case the rule is violated, the agency's licence should be canceled on the lines of the order passed by Karnataka Lokayukta in 2017," said Vijay Nishant, founder, Project Vruksha.

Following the incident in Marathahalli, an order passed by Karnataka Lokayukta in 2017 stated that if representatives of advertising agencies are causing damage to trees, BBMP authorities are required to remove such hoardings and cancel the permission or license granted to such agencies. In case of any damage sustained to the tree, it is the duty of the forest wing of BBMP to take appropriate legal action with the assistance of jurisdictional police.

When BM reached out to the Forest Department of BBMP, officials informed that a case had been booked in the matter of trees felled near Ejipura Flyover.

Prevent damage

Moreover, a recommendation has been made by the department to include a clause in the newly formulated advertisement policy to prevent any damage to trees.

"Advertisers and members of the public have been seen planting and pasting letters on the trees grown under the jurisdiction of BBMP using stoppers and hitting iron bars and damaging the trees with plastic wires. In this background, the Forest Department has recommended the Advertisement Department to include this aspect in the newly formulated policy," said BLG Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP.

BBMP has invited objections/suggestions from the public on the by-law by August 19.

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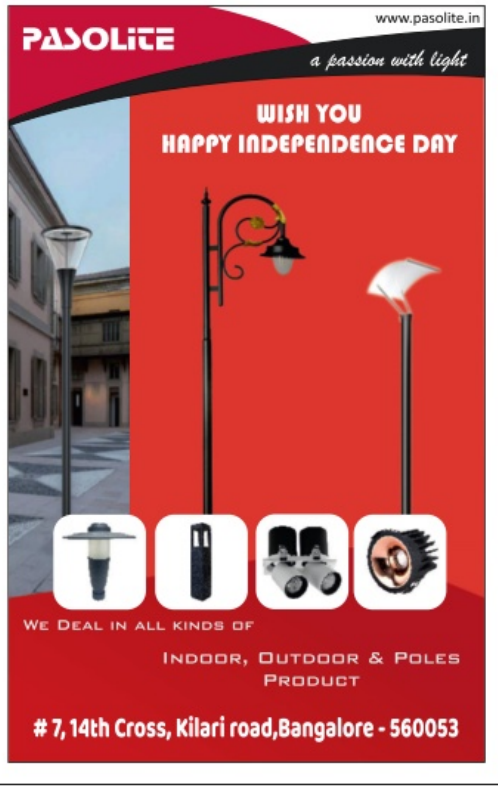

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Man kills wife, dumps body in forest

A man is said to have murdered his wife on Hoojugallu Hill in Ramanagara district. The woman, identified as Divya (32), is said to have been attacked by the man, Umesh, following a court appearance regarding their impending divorce.

The couple had appeared in Magadi Court on Monday as part of their divorce proceedings. Following the court session, Umesh talked Divya into going with him to Hoojugallu Hill. As she was praying, Umesh attacked her, leading to her death. He then disposed of her body in the nearby Cheilur forest area.

The Magadi police have registered an FIR against five individuals in connection with the case. Three of the accused have been arrested and are currently under interrogation. Police officials of Magadi Police Station are underway to locate Umesh and the remaining suspects.

IN BRIEF

Traffic restrictions on Doddanekundi Main Road

Due to ongoing Railway U-guard work on Doddanekundi Main Road, traffic restrictions have been imposed under the Mahadevapura and HAL Airport Traffic Police Station limits. The restrictions will be in place from August 14, 2024, at 8 pm until August 18, 2024.

During this period, vehicular movement on Doddanekundi Main Road will be restricted. To ensure the smooth flow of traffic, motorists are advised to use alternative routes. For those travelling towards Doddanakundi Village or HAL from the Outer Ring Road at Doddanekundi Junction, it is recommended to take a U-turn at Karthiknagar Junction and proceed via ISRO Road. Similarly, motorists heading towards Outer Ring Road from Doddanakundi should take ISRO Road and make a left turn at Karthiknagar Junction to continue their journey.

Police introduce escort bikes

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These outrider vehicles will help to pilot the chief guests and other VIPs during official events.

Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, the Commissioner of Police stated, "These outrider vehicles have been modified impressively and are specifically used for ceremonies such as Independence Day and Republic Day to pilot the guests at the event. They will also be utilised by the traffic police for other important duties."

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K'taka closes SBI, PNB accounts

Karnataka government orders all departments, boards, and public entities to withdraw deposits and halt transactions with the State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank.

The order came after the denial to redeem Rs 12 crore deposited by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) following a scam involving bank employees.

A state government circular on August 12 said the meeting with the bank officials did not yield any result and the matter is now sub judice.

Similarly, Rs 10 crore deposited by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) was not returned by the bank owing to a scam by the bank officials, the circular said.

The finance secretary P C Jaffer (budget and resource) said in the circular that the Auditor General too had objected to it.

"In this background, it is informed through this circular that the state government's departments, public sector units, corporations, boards, local bodies universities and other institutions should withdraw all the deposits/investments made in all the branches of the State Bank of India and the Punjab National Bank and no deposits/investments should be made in future," the circular read.

The state directed the government institutions to close their accounts in these two banks and submit the certified closer report **–PTI**

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Kali Tiger Reserve's new structure not for tourism

Forest Dept tells NGT it is a protection camp that deters illegal activities, prevents man-animal conflicts, addresses littering

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The Deputy Conservator of Forest and Director of Kali Tiger Reserve (KTR), in a response submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), has clarified that a permanent structure being constructed in the reserve's core area is not tourism infrastructure or a restroom. It is a protection camp designed to prevent illegal activities within KTR, such as unauthorised tree felling, poaching, and littering.

The response was submitted after NGT registered a suo moto case and sent notice to the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) regarding the issue, following a news report that appeared in Bangalore Mirror. In its December 28, 2023 edition, BM published a news article regarding concerns raised by wildlife activists and conservationists on construction and infrastructure development activities. They had alleged that the construction was happening without approval from the authorities concerned.

"The area in question where the structure is put up is Neeligundi-seemah nallah, also called the Blue Waterfalls located in the Anshi National Park of Kali Tiger Reserve. The same is at the boundary between Anshi Range and Kadra Range, next to state Highway 34 connecting Ramnagar to Karwar. The infrastructure is a protection camp put up by the Forest Department for the protection of forest areas. It is located within 7 kilometres of Anshi Wildlife Range. The area has minimum vehicular traffic at night. Hence, to prevent any illegal offences within the forest area, the forest protection camp was set up," says the response filed by KFD on August 12.

Wild animals pose risks in the area; protection camp deters illegal entry and man-animal conflicts

However, locals have yet again highlighted the presence of Barpali Anti-Poaching Camp, located a little over 500 metres from the new structure.

The response to NGT also includes issues faced by the department due to visitors at Blue Waterfalls.

> **"The protection camp serves as check for any illegal entry within the area and prevents man-animal conflict. It helps officials take steps against littering** –Forest dept

"There have been many incidents of the presence of wild animals within the area which sometimes poses risk for both humans and animals. The protection camp serves as a check for any illegal entry within the area and prevents man-animal conflict. Moreover, it also helps the officials take steps against and prevent any littering by the tourists," the department has said in the response.

However, locals allege that there have been instances of videos promoting tourism at Blue Waterfalls from one of the department's social media handles.

KFD officials denied this allegation.

KTR field director Nilesh Shinde told Bangalore Mirror, "We are taking necessary steps to protect and conserve the forest area and its wildlife. The protection camp in question has been built after following proper procedures," said Shinde.

Medics chosen to be explorers

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The US-based robotic surgery champion Vattikuti Foundation has named eight medics as 'Vattikuti Explorers' including two from India.

The selection of these innovative thinkers follows a global initiative that attracted the inaugural cohort of eight will attend the intensive robotic basic surgical training program Jr Orsi's Summer School in Belgium starting August 19.

The 'Vattikuti Explorers' from India, Yashi Singh from MGM Medical College, Navi Mumbai; and Bengaluru-bred Sanjana Mahesh from JIPMER, Karaikal were picked from scores of applicants from ten countries.

The 'Vattikuti Explorers' programme, open to medical students nearing completion of their degrees who aspire to push the boundaries of healthcare innovation, offers a unique opportunity to delve into

specialised research with accomplished robotic surgeons under the guidance of mentors.

The programme provides access to world-renowned medical experts in their fields, who, as mentors, will continue to guide and support participants during their early careers.

The first in-person learning opportunity for eight Explorers is a 3-day immersion programme at the Orsi Academy in Melle, Belgium. Jr. Orsi's Summer School, from August 19-21, 2024, will include hands-on training with surgical robots and high-quality lectures.

The selection is based on an expression of interest in research, innovation, and the use of modern technology and a strong desire to advance the world of medicine and surgery.

Sanjana Mahesh said, " I secured an All India Rank of 3241 in the NEET UG to obtain a medical seat at the prestigious JIPMER Karaikal. Throughout my journey in this college, I discovered that I love to conduct seminars when allowed to present my ideas. This led to me obtaining first place in a seminar competition organised by the Department of Biochemistry. I always grasp chance to be a part of quizzes organised by other colleges. It was the gaining of knowledge that led me to secure a distinction in Biochemistry and Physiology in 1 year. I believe that participating in events benefits society and also ourselves. In 10th grade, I was a part of a Crowdfunding Event organised by Rotary Club and I was able to raise Rs. 20000 to treat glaucoma in an old age home." she said.

Fan's murder: Darshan, Pavithra's judicial custody extended till Aug 28

The 24th Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court in Bengaluru on Wednesday extended the judicial custody of jailed Kannada superstar Darshan, his partner Pavithra Gowda and 15 others till August 28.

Judge Vishwanath C Goudar passed the order in this regard. All the accused were presented to the court from Bengaluru Central Jail and Tumakuru District Jail via video conference.

The prosecution submitted 11 reasons for not granting bail to Darshan in the sensational murder case of his fan Renukaswamy.

The prosecution submitted that the family of Renukaswamy hails from a humble background and there is a chance of the powerful accused threatening or luring the family members of the deceased.

It was also submitted that the evidence collected so far proved the involvement of all the accused including Darshan in the murder and conspiracy to divert the case.

The prosecution claimed that the investigation of more people was pending and reports from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) were pending regarding digital, technical and scientific evidence.

The prosecution also stated that the police needed to record the statements of witnesses before the court and if the accused were released they might threaten them.

Sources said that the police were in the final leg of preparations of a charge sheet against Darshan and others.

Sources also revealed that the stains of Renukaswamy's blood were found on the clothes of Darshan.

The police also found blood on the slippers of prime accused in the case Pavithra Gowda.

The gruesome murder of Renukaswamy took place on June 8 in Bengaluru. He was kidnapped from his hometown, Chitradurga, brought to Bengaluru, kept in a shed, and tortured to death. After the murder, his body was thrown in a canal.

The incident came to light after the security personnel of a private apartment building saw the body being dragged by a pack of dogs.

Renukaswamy is survived by aged parents, a pregnant wife and a sister. When the police began the investigation, four of the accused surrendered, claiming responsibility for the murder over a financial matter. After Kamakshipalya Police interrogated them, the involvement of actor Darshan, his partner Pavithra Gowda, and others came to light.

It was revealed that the accused had brutally hacked Renukaswamy to death for sending obscene messages to Pavithra Gowda. **–IANS**

SC stays NCLAT nod to Byju's settlement with BCCI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday halted the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) order setting aside the insolvency proceedings against embattled edtech firm Byju after approving its settlement with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in connection with repayment of dues of over Rs 158 crore.

Staying the impugned decision of the NCLAT, a Bench headed by CJI Chandrachud and comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, ordered the BCCI to deposit the amount in question in a separate escrow account till further orders.

In an order passed on August 2, the company appellate tribunal gave nod to Byju's settlement with BCCI and repelled the allegations by the US-based lenders of the edtech firm which claimed that the repayment to BCCI was 'tainted' and funded with 'stolen' money.

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Here's what to expect if you are thinking of using this method to manage pain due to this condition

PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR ENDOMETRIOSIS

Endometriosis is a condition that affects women and girls. It occurs when tissue similar to the lining of the uterus ends up in other areas of the body. These areas include the ovaries, bladder, bowel and digestive tract.

Endometriosis will affect nearly one million Australian women and girls in their lifetime. Many high-profile Australians are affected by endometriosis including Bindi Irwin, Sophie Monk and former Yellow Wiggle, Emma Watkins.

Symptoms of endometriosis include intense pelvic, abdominal or low back pain (that is often worse during menstruation), bladder and bowel problems, pain during sex and infertility.

But women and girls wait an average of seven years to receive a diagnosis. Many are living with the burden of endometriosis and not receiving treatments that could improve their quality of life. This includes physiotherapy.

How is endometriosis treated?

No treatments cure endometriosis. Symptoms can be reduced by taking medications such as non-steriodal anti-inflammatories (ibuprofen, aspirin or naproxen) and hormonal medicines.

Surgery is sometimes used to diagnose endometriosis, remove endometrial lesions, reduce pain and improve fertility. But these lesions can grow back.

Whether they take medication or have surgery, many women and girls continue to experience pain and other symptoms.

Pelvic health physiotherapy is often recommended as a non-drug management technique to manage endometriosis pain, in consultation with a gynaecologist or general practitioner.

The goal of physiotherapy treatment depends on the symptoms but is usually to reduce and manage pain, improve ability to do activities, and ultimately improve quality of life.

What could you expect from your first appointment?

Physiotherapy management can differ based on the severity and location of symptoms. Prior to physical tests and treatments, your physiotherapist will comprehensively explain what is going to happen and seek your permission.

They will ask questions to better understand your case and specific needs. These will include your age, weight, height as well as the presence, location and intensity of symptoms. You will also be asked about the history of your period pain, your first period, the length of your menstrual cycle, urinary and bowel symptoms, sexual function and details of any previous treatments and tests.

They may also assess your posture and movement to see how your muscles have changed because of the related symptoms.

They will press on your lower back and pelvic muscles to spot painful areas (trigger points) and muscle tightness.

If you consent to a vaginal examination, the physiotherapist will use one to two gloved fingers to assess the area inside and around your vagina. They will also test your ability to coordinate, contract and relax your pelvic muscles.

What type of treatments could you receive?

Depending on your symptoms, your physiotherapist may use the following treatments:

General education

Your physiotherapist will give your details about the disease, pelvic floor anatomy, the types of treatment and how these can improve pain and other symptoms. They might teach you about the changes to the brain and nerves as a result of being in long-term pain.

They will provide guidance to improve your ability to perform daily activities, including getting quality sleep.

If you experience pain during sex or difficulty using tampons, they may teach you how to use vaginal dilators to improve flexibility of those muscles.

Pelvic muscle exercises

Pelvic muscles often contract too hard as a result of pain. Pelvic floor exercises will help you contract and relax muscles appropriately and provide an awareness of how hard muscles are contracting.

This can be combined with machines that monitor muscle activity or vaginal pressure to provide detailed information on how the muscles are working.

Yoga, stretching and low-impact exercises

Yoga, stretching and low impact aerobic exercise can improve fitness, flexibility, pain and blood circulation. These have general pain-relieving properties and can be a great way to contract and relax bigger muscles affected by long-term endometriosis.

These exercises can help you regain function and control with a gradual progression to perform daily activities with reduced pain.

Hydrotherapy (physiotherapy in warm water)

Performing exercises in water improves blood circulation and muscle relaxation due to the pressure and warmth of the water. Hydrotherapy allows you to perform aerobic exercise with low impact, which will reduce pain while exercising. However, while hydrotherapy shows positive results clinically, scientific studies to show its effectiveness studies are ongoing.

Manual therapy

Women frequently have small areas of muscle that are tight and painful (trigger points) inside and outside the vagina. Pain can be temporarily reduced by pressing, massaging or putting heat on the muscles.

Physiotherapists can teach patients how to do these techniques by themselves at home.

What does the evidence say?

Overall, patients report positive experiences pelvic health physiotherapists treatments. In a study of 42 women, 80 per cent of those who received manual therapy had "much improved pain".

In studies investigating yoga, one study showed pain was reduced in 28 patients by an average of 30 points on a 100-point pain scale. Another study showed yoga was beneficial for pain in all 15 patients. But while some studies show this treatment is effective, a review concluded more studies were needed and the use of physiotherapy was "underestimated and underpublicised".

What else do you need to know?

If you have or suspect you have endometriosis, consult your gynaecologist or GP. They may be able to suggest a pelvic health physiotherapist to help you manage your symptoms and improve quality of life.

If you go to a private pelvic health physiotherapist, you won't need a referral from a gynaecologist or GP. Physiotherapy rebates can be available to those with private health insurance.

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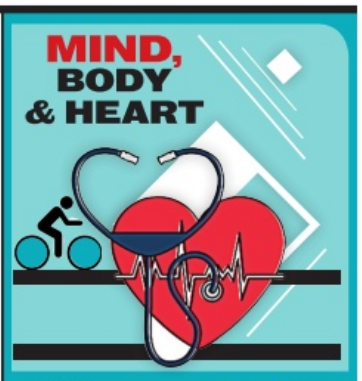

All you need to know about...

Tips for breastfeeding moms

Ensure You Eat Right
Traditional Indian diets are rich in nutrition, but breastfeeding moms need to focus on foods that boost milk production, such as fenugreek seeds, sesame seeds, and leafy greens. Be sure that you consume a variety of protein, vitamins, and minerals. Dal, paneer and khichdi (above) can be beneficial.

Get Enough Rest And Sleep
Adequate rest is important. Try to sleep when your baby sleeps, and do not hesitate to ask for help from family members. A short nap during the day can also help replenish your energy.

Stay Hydrated
Staying hydrated is key for milk production. Drink a lot of water, even coconut water, and herbal teas such as cumin. Try to avoid caffeine and sugary drinks that could affect your milk supply.

Ensure Physical Care
Maintain personal hygiene and take care of your body. Regularly wash your breasts and ensure that they are dry to avoid infection. Use nipple creams if you experience soreness. Do some exercise; yoga can help with physical recovery and stress relief.

Use Your Support System
Surround yourself with a support system. Engage with family members, join breastfeeding support groups, or connect with other new moms. You can share your experiences and offer advice that gives you emotional comfort and practical tips.

Prioritise Your Mental Health
Be aware of your mental health. The postpartum period can be emotionally taxing, so engage in activities that bring you joy and relaxation. Practising mindfulness or meditation helps manage stress and anxiety.

Get Professional Guidance
Take advice from lactation consultants or healthcare providers if you are facing breastfeeding challenges. They can also provide valuable support and solutions. —Femina

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Greetings
to all fellow citizens on
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Jai Hind

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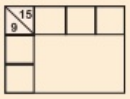
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

(5)(5)-7-82+(2)(1)+5 = ?

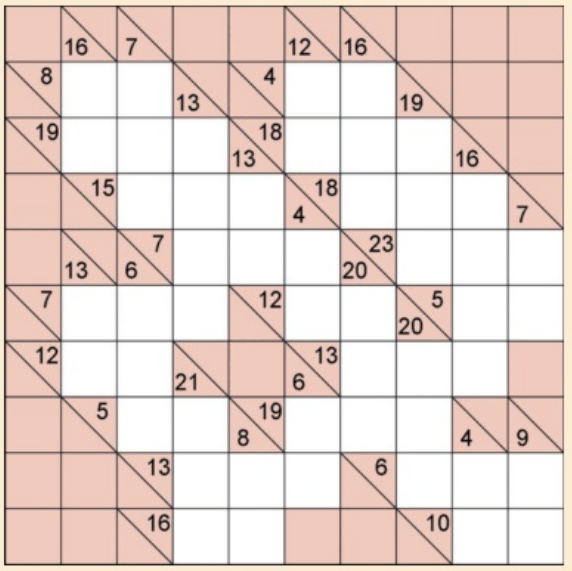
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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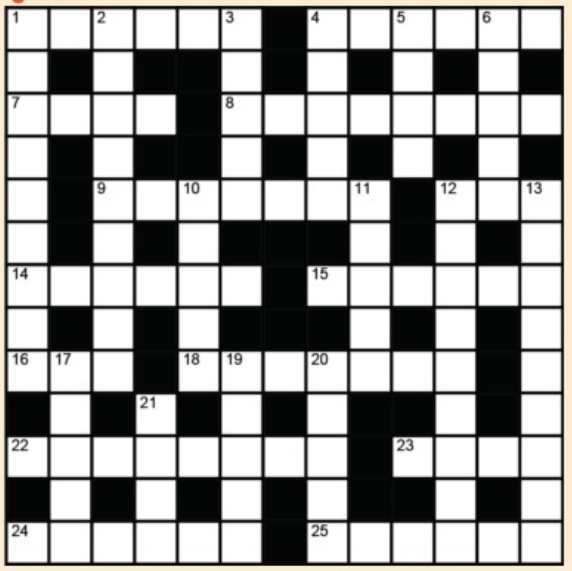


ACROSS

1 Rapidly (6)
4 From that place (6)
7 London district (4)
8 Small opening (8)
9 Ministers collectively (7)
12 Lettuce variety (3)
14 Immense star system (6)
15 Puts right (6)
16 Shaft, beam (3)
18 Comprises (5,2)
22 Be an optimist and plan in a grandiose manner? (5,3)
23 42 in Rome (4)
24 Imperative; pressing (6)
25 Dried grape (6)

DOWN

1 Commuter (9)
2 Honorably, morally or scrupulously (9)
3 Muscat native (5)
4 Subject (5)
5 You too in Latin (2,2)
6 Freight (5)
10 Well-built and rather fat (5)
11 Domesticates (5)
12 Multiplex on Banerghatta road (9)
13 Doubt or misgiving (9)
17 Detest (5)
19 Scope (5)
20 Keen (5)
21 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS P

KCEKWC PCWLET DCZETC YHTEIP YEO XVHN NVCA PHA IJNGW HYNCO NVCA HOC YHTEIP YEO XVHN NVCA'BC LEJC.

Linemaro

Are you the water? 'Cause I am a fish and cannot live without you

Mindchow

It doesn't do to dream and forget to live

Joke of the day

Life is all about perspective. The sinking of the Titanic was a miracle to the lobsters in the ship's kitchen

Loop

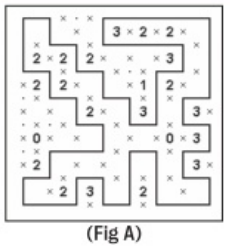
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

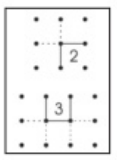
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

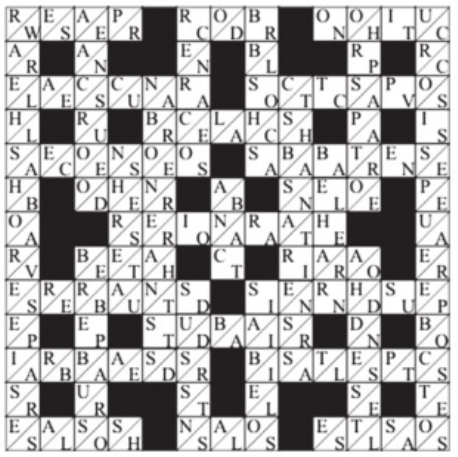


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

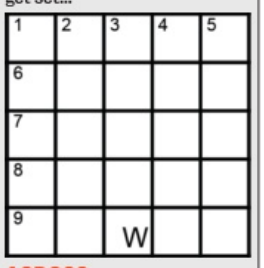
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Cal BA; 6 Or ape;
7 Spilt; 8 So ere;
9 We cod

DOWN

1 SC Coe; 2 A prop;
3 Elbow; 4 Aries;
5 Delta

Mensapuzzle

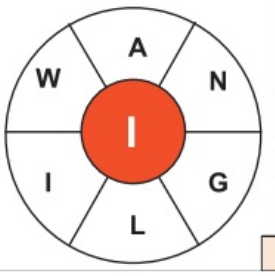
Solve this dingbat

Fish Fish

COMPLIMENT

Fish Fish

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	2				7		9	
1		7	8		3			6
6		3			5	1		2
2				8	9			
	5	8				4	6	
			7	5				1
9		2	1			8		5
4			5		8	6		7
	6		3				1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 9
2 4 5 8

Medium = 44
2 3 3 4

Hard = 2
3 7 9 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

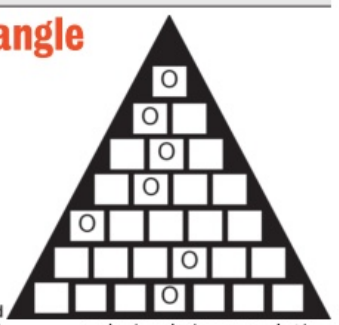
Differences: 1. Fingers are not showing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Hair is different. 4. Wall is not as wide. 5. Chair is smaller. 6. Jacket sleeve is longer.

Riddler

Which is the odd one out: 28 Days, The Net, While You Were Sleeping, The Good Girl?

Alpha triangle

1 Circular letter
2 _ target
3 Biblical land
4 Finished
5 Possessed
6 Bequeaths
7 Fainted



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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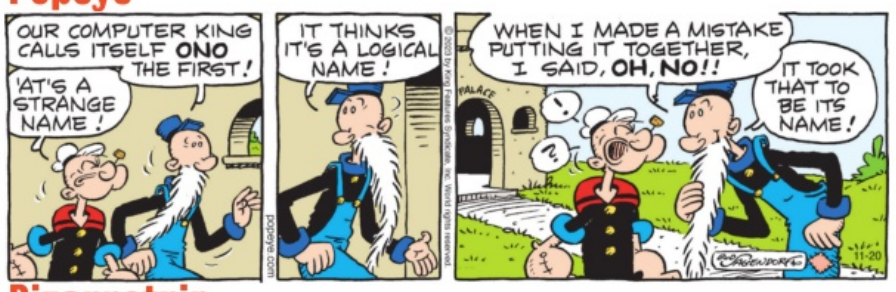
Popeye


OUR COMPUTER KING CALLS ITSELF ONO THE FIRST!
'AT'S A STRANGE NAME!
IT THINKS IT'S A LOGICAL NAME!
WHEN I MADE A MISTAKE PUTTING IT TOGETHER, I SAID, OH, NO!!
IT TOOK THAT TO BE ITS NAME!
PALACE
?
11-20

Bizarrotrip

I'm a subterranean soul of the soil. I reject bourgeois Borschtville. Don't dig me up... Just dig me.
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BEETNIKS

Diamond Lil

I WENT OUT WITH A BIKER CHICK LAST NIGHT!
WHAT A SWEET RIDE SHE HAD!
CHOPPER?
DO I LOOK LIKE AN AXE MURDERER?!
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ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO BE ABLE TO TURN INTO A CAT, BUT I GET YOUR POINT.
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Crankshaft

HERE'S YOUR SHARE OF TONIGHT'S GIG, LILLIAN.
THIS CERTAINLY WON'T PUT ME IN A NEW TAX BRACKET...
BUT AT LEAST I'M IN SHOW BUSINESS!
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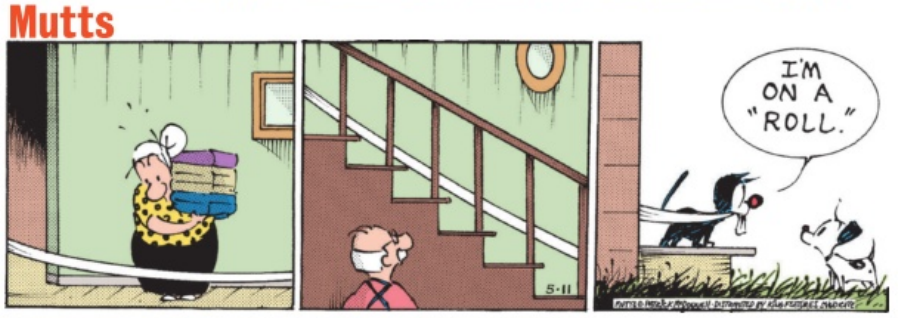
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon; your destiny is likely to be with you. You may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your colleagues may help you at work, and you are likely to go on short work-related trips. You may also expect some good news from your sibling(s).

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy with family matters, and you may take some important steps on the domestic front. Your arrogance may affect domestic harmony, and you should avoid making arguments about personal life matters. By late evening, things may be under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in the business.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel peace in your mind; you may be able to make a proper balance between expenditures and earnings, which may increase your financial health. Messy situations are now under control. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking; it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their future. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may face health issues; you may be mentally tired due to a lack of sleep. You may not be focused on your work today; you may feel lazy, which may affect your commitments. It is advised to avoid rush-hour driving and adventure tours. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless stuff.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with social get-togethers; you may also meet some old friends. Your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Natives related to export and import, glamour, and artefacts may perform better. Students are likely to perform better today in terms of their studies. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may have the good support of your family members. You may also have some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase the social status of your family. You may also plan to expand your family, which may improve bonding between family members. Students may apply for some scholarships for higher studies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be more spiritual, your destiny may be with you, and you may expect good returns on your past investments. Bonding with your boss is likely to improve, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your sibling(s). You are advised to control your harsh tone in love and personal life, as it may affect everyone around you.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect your running project. You may be a victim of sleeplessness, which may make you lazy. You may also become careless, which may affect your inner strength negatively. You are advised to avoid making investments in dead stuff and to avoid spicy food; you may expect a bad digestive system. You should avoid rash driving.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be happy, and you may spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in domestic life; you may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you take some important decisions in the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business or work.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, a positive moon may make you happy. You can use your patience at every stage. Your performance may be good on the job, and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues among family members will be resolved now. Job seekers are likely to find a suitable job in their domain. Lovebirds may enjoy each other's company.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may have fixed results. It is advised to not expect more from anyone around you; it may make you disappointed. You may have self-exploration and self-analysis, which may allow you to filter yourself. After the filtration process, you may feel confident and be ready to accept the challenges around you.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, dissatisfaction may make you upset. You may not be able to enjoy every single moment. You may have a lack of patience, which may affect your way of working. Silly mistakes may happen in your way of working. You may also visit some religious places to seek peace. You are advised to practice meditation or yoga.

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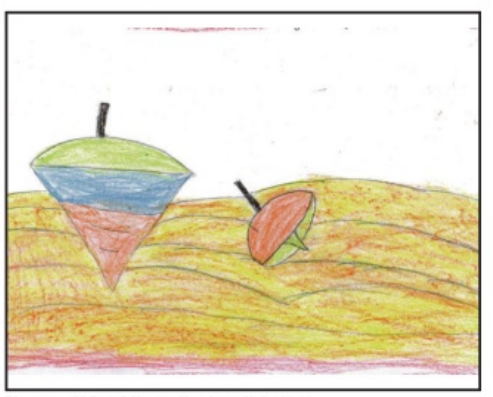

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
25-7-82+2+5
18-82+2+5
-64+2+5
-62+5= -57

BULL'S EYE
ailing, align, awing, gain, lain, ling, nail, wail, WAILING, wing

STRIKE OUT

FAST FIVE

C	A	B	A	L
O	P	E	R	A
S	P	L	I	T
E	R	O	S	E
C	O	W	E	D

RIDDLER
The Good Girl which stars Jennifer Aniston. Others feature Sandra Bullock

QUICK

SUDOKU

5	2	4	6	1	7	3	9	8
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9	7	2	1	6	4	8	3	5
4	3	1	5	9	8	6	2	7
8	6	5	3	7	2	9	1	4

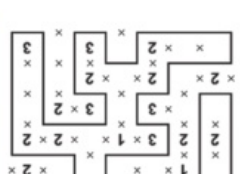
MENSA PUZZLE
Fish for a compliment

QUOTE UNCODE
People seldom become famous for what they say until after they are famous for what they've done.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0 , On, Nod, Done, Owned , Endows, Swooned.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 – 5 + 4 + 8 = 9
Medium
3 x 3 + 2 x 4 = 44
Hard
3 – 7 + 9 – 3 = 2

LOOP



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NEXA

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